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 $\P 1$. (U) Per ref B, Public Safety Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are working with the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association, a non-profit organization, to establish a national hotline for reports of possible Trafficking in Persons (TIP) cases. In January 2008, the Canadian government dedicated \$6 million to strengthening initiatives to combat TIP, a portion of which will go to the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association for the establishment of the hotline. The hotline is not yet operational. Contacts could not provide a timeline for implementation. The Canadian Crime Stoppers Association currently runs a hotline for the reporting of all crimes (1-800-222-TIPS).

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